

The Rise of Molech

Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation

4- The Pagan Origin of Abortion- Part 2

Welcome again my beloved in Jesus Christ. Now as I told you on the last broadcast- we're going to take a short "vacation" from our verse by verse "journey" through the Gospel of Luke and begin this new year by examining a very serious subject that I preached in my Church at the beginning of 2016 entitled, *"The Rise of Molech; Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation"*. So let's open our Bibles and read **Genesis 3:1-13** together:

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Now I told you on the last broadcast that the creation of human beings as Male and Female provides the necessary framework in Creation for the Ordinance of Marriage. You could not *have* Marriage without Male and Female. And therefore- you do not have Marriage without Male and Female. And that is because the ultimate Meaning of Marriage is *not* known unless we see it as a Parable of Christ's Relationship to the Church.

So creation as Male and Female points to Marriage and Marriage points to Christ and the Church. And therefore the belief that God created us in His Image as Male and Female could not then be complete without Christianity- without Christ and His saving Work for the Church.

Now I said that there was *another* way that the creation of Male and Female in God's Image points to Christianity as the necessary Completion, namely, from its distortion in the historical ugliness of Male-Female Relationships. Let me try to explain.

When sin entered the world- the effect on our Relationship as Male and Female was devastating. God comes to Adam (because he was accountable) after he had eaten the forbidden fruit and asks what has happened. And Adam says in **Genesis 3:12**,

The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.

In other words- Adam is telling God, *"I didn't ask You for a wife. I was fine. You're the One Who said my aloneness as not "good". And so You took it upon yourself to create this Woman for me and now look what happened. It's not my fault- the fault lies with You and the woman."* In other words, Adam was saying, *"If somebody has to die for eating the fruit- kill her or kill Yourself- but don't kill me!"*

And *this* fallen attitude in the Man is the beginning of all domestic violence; all wife abuse; all rape; all sexual slurs; and all the ways of belittling women- whom God created in His Own Image. And

that is the beginning of all Abortions. And that is why I tell you that Men *created* feminism, lesbianism, and unwanted pregnancies and abortion. Men *finance* these things and men defend them. Feminism and Lesbianism and Abortion would collapse under their own weight if men would simply repent and return to God and begin to walk holy before the Lord.

God gave Man an anointing and an authority with his voice and his actions and his life that women and children and animals and all of nature were put under his authority- as long as he was under God's Authority. And sin ruined all that. **Genesis 3:16** pronounces a Curse on fallen Man and Woman like this:

To the woman God says:

“I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

In other words, the result of Sin and the Curse of our age is *conflict* between the sexes. So this verse is *not* a description of the way things *should* be. This is a description of the Cursed way things are *going* to be- as long as sin reigns. Instead of strong, godly, and loving men- who humble themselves to God's Rule- Sin has made men fierce, violent, and cold- and working as hard as we can to rebel against every Rule of God.

Instead of soft, sweet, loving women- who enjoy complementing the Call of God on their husbands- Sin has made women hard, devious, and gullible- ever falling for the next slogan or the next lie that promises freedom and happiness. But that is *not* the meaning of Male and Female in God's Image- it is the blatant ugliness of sin.

But you can't have it both ways. If the Man was created first with leadership authority- if the Man was created as "Head" then the ruination of the Human Race falls on the Man and not the Woman.

I would remind you what God said to Adam. God did *not* curse Adam for eating the fruit. Here is what God said,

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.

So the Curse came forth from the eating- but the eating came forth because Adam did not lead his wife but switched roles with her and allowed her to lead him. So his eating was merely a result of his cowardly *acquiescence* to his wife.

God called Adam to lead his wife; to teach her; to love her; to protect her; and to provide for her. But Adam forgot that Eve was a gift to Adam from a Good God- Who loved Adam. So Eve was a gift- *not* a burden- a blessing- *not* a problem. And Adam was *not* fine without Eve- God said it was **“not good”**. He was *incomplete*. So Eve was God's Answer to Adam's *lack* of completeness. And her well- being was his charge. So *his* Joy was wrapped up in leading her under God's Rule and her Joy was wrapped up in being led by her husband. And that is *why* her deception was *his* fault; her fall was *his* failure; her duplicity was *his* weakness.

And while you may disagree with me about this- the Apostle Paul agrees with the logic that says the Man's sin brought forth the Woman's sin and the fall of Humanity because he said in **1Corinthians 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

Let me say this another way- only by the Man rising up to be what God called him to be- would Eve *not* fall into deception. Eve's entire well- being was inescapably tied in with Adam. If Adam failed- she could not stand. If Adam reneged on his responsibility- she would fall. And he did and so she did.

And this is so true that one of the inspired Qualifications for a man to lead in the House of God is that he **“manage”** his own family **“well”** in this strong, godly, loving, and sacrificial way. And if he *cannot* command respect from his wife and children- the people who know him the best- he *cannot* lead in the Church. **1Timothy 3:4&5** says:

4 *He* [the man who is being considered as an Elder] *must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity*

5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

So it is the failure of Men to be what God called them to be as to why we have runaway sin and the unwanted pregnancies and abortions that abound in our day. And we can pass all the laws we want to- but until we fix the problem of ungodly, weak, and emasculated men- women will *continue* to be ungodly and deceived.

But then we have to understand that Woman was created to be the *compliment* that the Man lacked. And so if we hope to have strong, godly, and loving men- we must have strong, godly, and loving Women who will help mold the Man into what God has called him to be.

So the result of ungodly Women is ungodly Men. And the result of ungodly Men is deceived Women. And the result of deceived Women is that babies will *continue* to be murdered.

So look again at **Genesis 3:16**. Adam and Eve have both sinned against God. They have distrusted His infinite Goodness and turned away from Him to depend on their *own* wisdom for how to be happy. So it isn't that they didn't know God's Word- it's worse than that. They knew God's Word and Will and consciously *rejected* His Word and Will and they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

And God calls them to account and now describes to them what the Curse will be on human life because of sin. And in **Genesis 3:16** God says to the woman,

To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

Now this is a description of the Curse. It is a description of misery- not a model for Marriage. This is the way it's going to be in history where sin has the upper hand. But what is really being said here? What is the nature of this ruined relationship after sin?

The key comes from recognizing the connection between the last words of *this* verse (3:16b) and the last words of **Genesis 4:7**.

If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Here God is warning Cain about his resentment and anger against Abel. And God tells him that sin is about to get the upper hand in his life. Notice at the end of the verse 7: **"Sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it** [literally: you shall rule over it]."

The parallel here between 3:16 and 4:7 is amazingly close. The words are virtually the same in Hebrew, but you can see this in the English as well. In 3:16 God says to the woman, **"Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."** And in 4:7 God says to Cain, **"Sin's desire is for you, and you shall rule over it."**

Now the reason this is important to see is that it shows us more clearly what is meant by the word, **"desire."** When 4:7 says that sin is crouching at the door of Cain's heart (like a lion, **Genesis 49:9**) and that its desire is for him- it means that sin wants to overpower him. It wants to defeat him and subdue him and make him the slave of sin.

Now when we go back to 3:16, we should probably see the same meaning in the sinful desire of the woman. So when it says, **"Your desire will be for your husband,"** it means that when sin has the upper hand in the Woman- she will desire to overpower or subdue or exploit the Man. And when sin has the upper hand in the Man- he will respond in like manner and with his strength- subdue her, or rule over her.

So what is really described in the Curse of 3:16 is the ugly conflict between the Male and Female that has marked so much of human history. Maleness as God created it has been depraved and corrupted by sin. Femaleness as God created it has been depraved and corrupted by sin. And the very essence of sin is "self-reliance" and "self-exaltation". First in rebellion against God, and then in exploitation of each other.

So the essence of corrupted Maleness is the self-aggrandizing effort to subdue and control and exploit Women for his own private desires. And the essence of corrupted Femaleness is the self-aggrandizing effort to subdue and control and exploit Men for her own private desires. And the difference is found mainly in the different weaknesses that we can exploit in one another. But one of the results of

this profound dysfunction between men and women is 55 million dead babies.

The modern secular world—the world which tries to remove God from his all-creating, all-sustaining, all-defining, all-governing place—has no choice but to make *itself* “god” and to create its *own* “morality”. In other words, when Man abandons God and his self-revelation becomes the source of what is objectively true and right and beautiful—the next highest court of appeal is Man himself.

If God is not the Measure of what is true and right and beautiful, then I am and you are. And since we—the god called “you,” and the god called “me”—may not agree, the result will always be: “Might makes right”. And so everything in education, and media, and politics in this God-evicting world becomes a battle for power. It isn’t a noble quest for objective Truth and Right and Beauty- since we have decided that there isn't any. It simply descends into nothing more than a power-struggle. Because in a world without God- the one who has the power- defines Reality. Defines what is True. Defines what is Right. Defines what is Beautiful. And in this world- there is no court of appeal for the weak. Because Man is now “god”. And the powerful man is “god-Almighty”—the “maker of the truth”; the “inventor of what is right”; and the “definer of what is beautiful”. And the bloodiest century in the history of the world—the twentieth century- with its Stalin and Hitler and Mussolini and Milosevic and Pot and Amin and Mao and Sung and Hussein and the abortion industry—prove that to be true- with horrifying evidence.

The implications of God-dethroning secularism for abortion and genocide are huge, and we will come back to them in a moment. But first let's see how old this “modern” secular world is.

In **Genesis 2:16&17** it says:

16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

So what was the meaning of “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”? It represented “*independence* from God”. There is nothing

wrong with "the knowledge of good and evil" in itself- **Genesis 3:22** says God Himself has it:

Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" —

... so this was real bad. Man was not to have it the way God had it. And now he has taken it.

In the Creation Story, to have "the knowledge of good and evil" means to claim the independent right to decide for *oneself* what is "good and evil" ("true and false"; "ugly and beautiful"). And it was *proper* for God to have that- but not Man. God knew that it would be utterly *devastating* for Man to cut the cord of dependence from God and claim "the knowledge of good and evil" for himself." And that is why God said,

"Don't eat it. It will kill you."

Indeed it has- in more ways than we know. And it is *still* killing us- spiritually and physically. All death is rooted in this Insurrection. And you see the Insurrection beginning in the satanic Temptation and Fall in **Genesis 3**.

So when you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you are saying, "*I henceforth decide for myself what is true and right and beautiful.*" And that is what God does. God alone is the Source of objective Truth and Right and Beauty. But Satan says otherwise. "*Eat it and you will be like God*".

But God is a flower of Truth and Right and Beauty. But unlike us- God has no roots and needs no water, no sunshine, and no soil. God is absolutely "self-sufficient" in every sense of that word. But we are not. We are planted *in* God. And we get *all* our water and *all* our light and *all* our nutrition from Him- or we die. So we can cut our stem and *pretend* to be like God. We can *imagine* ourselves to be our *own* source of Life and Light and Truth and Right and Beauty. We can try- and we can die.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her

husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

The first result of choosing to be god is the canyon between appearance and pretension. Now that I have chosen to be my own "god"- my own non-godlike appearance is ridiculous. And humans have spent centuries with fine clothing (cool clothing) and make up and body-building trying to look less like the wreckage we really are without God. The root of shame is the pretension to be god- the need to look invulnerable, self-sufficient, god-like (or goddess-like).

So the very *essence* of the Fall of Eve and Adam- and all of us *in* Adam- is the supreme pleasure we have in being *independent*, and deciding for *ourselves* what is True and Right and Beautiful, rather than finding supreme pleasure in God- as the Fountain of all that is True and Right and Beautiful. So the essence of the Fall is preferring to *be* god- rather than *enjoying* God.

So the modern secular world is very old. It puts on new clothes from century to century, and we call it by different names. Recently there are terms like: "Modernism", "Existentialism", "Secular Humanism", "Postmodernism". But there is a common root they all share: God is dethroned, and the next highest court of appeal for Truth and Right and Beauty is Man- frail, finite, fallible, mortal Man.

And the implication of this for Abortion is staggering. But before I make the link, let's be sure we feel the weight of what is happening. A conservative estimate of unborn babies killed in the world each year is 30 million—about a third of those in Russia . Romania is reported to have the highest abortion rate in the world (3 out of 4 pregnancies). In America, since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 made it legal to take the lives of an unborn baby for any reason, there have been about 55 million abortions. One baby aborted every 26 seconds, 151 every hour, 3,629 every day.

In Mississippi, from 1973 to 2015, over 80,000 abortions were reported. There were 2,012 in 2002. 50% on women under age 24. 79% were unmarried. 40% has had an abortion before. 60% reported that the reason for their abortion was either economic or "does not want child at this time". 76% of the babies that were aborted in Mississippi in 2015 were black; 67% were females.

Here's the link between abortion and the modern pagan religion that began in the Garden of Eden. It's the word "want." "I do not want the child at this time."

I used to think that if we could persuade abortionists that the fetus was a human child, and that they were killing children, they would stop. If we could just show them, like Scott Klusendorf does (<http://www.str.org>) that there is no morally significant difference between a one-month-old baby and a preborn baby (S.L.E.D. Not size, not level of development, not environment, not dependence), they would stop doing abortions. But I talked to two abortionists that said they *knew* they were killing children and that they would never stop because to them, "It was the lesser of two evils". And the "worse" evil that in the mind of the doctor was infinitely worse than killing a baby was "denying the 'want' of the mother" (call it "freedom"; call it "reproductive rights").¹

So with these words- "*I do not want a child at this time*"—we are near the heart of the issue. At this time in American history, that is one of the most powerful sentences a person can speak: "*I do not want a child at this time.*" It's powerful, because in a world without God, and without submission to His Will- the will or even the "want"—of a mother has become the "will of a god". And I say this carefully and calmly and sadly: Our modern, secular, God-dethroning culture has endowed the will (the "want") of a mother not just with "sovereignty" over her child- but with something vastly greater. We have endowed her will with the right and the power to actually *create* "human personhood".

Let me explain how this happens. When God is no longer the Creator of human personhood, endowing it with Dignity and Rights in His Own Image, we must take that role from Him, and vest it in the will of the mother. And therefore- *she* creates personhood.

In this sense: Mississippi, along with 33 other states², has a fetal homicide law. A crime against a mother that injures or kills her unborn baby will be treated as a crime with *two* victims- not just one. And we

¹ This perspective has recently been repeated by British senior advisor on medical ethics and a candidate for President of the United States. According to [Sunday Telegraph](#), Professor John Harris, a member of the British Medical Association's ethics committee, said: "I don't think infanticide is always unjustifiable. I don't think it is plausible to think that there is any moral change that occurs during the journey down the birth canal. . . . People who think there is a difference between infanticide and late abortion have to ask the question: what has happened to the fetus in the time it takes to pass down the birth canal and into the world which changes its moral status? I don't think anything has happened in that time." And Wesley Clark (<http://www.crosswalk.com/news/weblogs/mohler/1240588.html?view=print>), running for President of the United States, recently told the Manchester Union Leader that "Life begins with the mother's decision."

² (<http://womensissues.about.com/cs/parentingfamily/a/aafetalhomicide.htm>)

have seen several remarkable cases in Mississippi. In one case a man was convicted of assisting the suicide of his girlfriend and “inadvertently murdered the fetus during the commission of a felony.” The fetal homicide law carries a stiffer penalty than aiding a suicide, and could have required 12 years of prison for the fetal homicide. What was astonishing in this case is this sentence from the Clarion Ledger in Jackson,

“The law makes it murder to kill an embryo or fetus intentionally, except in cases of abortion.”

But that is an accurate sentence that should make us tremble. Why? Because it shows that in a world without God- the will of the strong creates (or nullifies) the personhood of the weak. How can there be a fetal homicide law that is not broken by abortion? Why is abortion *not* fetal homicide? There is only one essential answer. In the case of the fetal homicide- the mother *wants* the baby. And in the case of abortion- she *does not*. So the will of the mother is “god”.

And the awesome thing is that we endow her will not just with *sovereignty* over her unborn baby- but with the authority to actually *define* it: If she wants it- it is a baby, a person. If she does *not* want it- it is *not* a baby, not a person.

In other words, in our laws- we have now made room for some premeditated murder to be justified- *not* on the basis of the rights or crimes of the one killed- but decisively on the basis of the will and the desire- even the whim- of a stronger person. So the decisive criterion of personhood and non-personhood, what is right and wrong, what is legal and what is illegal, is *not* what is morally pure- but merely the will of the strong.

And that means that “might makes right”. And might makes personhood. And might makes legal. And that is the ultimate statement of anarchy. It is the essence of the original insurrection against God, and against objective Truth and all that is Right and Beautiful.

No culture can survive this kind of “Truth- denying thinking” indefinitely. And part of the remedy is for us to spread the Truth: *Might does not make right. Desire does not define duty. Wanting does not create worth.* All of us know intuitively that if someone desires our

destruction- that their desire does *not* justify our murder. We know this. It is not debatable. And so we should say this- over and over again.

But the remedy that goes most deeply to the heart of the issue is found back in **Genesis 3**. When the man blamed God and the woman and the woman blamed the serpent—the devil—God said these words to the serpent:

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

This is the first great Prophecy in the Bible of God's Triumph over sin and Satan through the offspring of the woman, Jesus Christ. And this is why Paul said in **Galatians 4:4**,

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

Jesus was "born of a woman" because God had promised: The offspring of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. That is what Jesus did when He came.

Now listen very carefully now, especially you women and men who have had or who have supported abortion. God knew that Eve had sinned and turned her back on Him. But when He spoke the Promise, God did not say: *The day will come when the seed of the serpent will crush woman for her sin*. Almost immediately after Eve's God-dethroning sin- God makes her a "means of Salvation" and *not* the "object of judgment". The Offspring of this woman will crush Satan. Jesus Christ died and rose again to forgive and reverse our love affair with being god instead of enjoying God.

I think God wants every woman, and every man, to take heart this morning that His offer to you is Salvation- *not* Judgment. The Offspring of the woman, Jesus Christ, came into the world to save women who have dethroned God, taken His place, defined personhood as tissue, and willed the death of their own child. It can't be reversed, but it can be forgiven. And that is why Christ died.

Every person listening to me now needs this Salvation—men and women and children. Some only feel it more than others. And those who feel it most are most fortunate. Turn to Christ for forgiveness and embrace him as your Lord and the Treasure of your life.

If you think that your sin is too great, listen to the Apostle Paul as he pleads with you not to lose heart:

1 Timothy 1:15-16

15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

So God saved Paul, the murderer (**The Acts 9:1; 7:58**), so that you would take heart and believe.

Well, I have to stop right here- but please join me again on the next broadcast as we continue our examination of “The Rise of Molech-Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation”. May God help us all.

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